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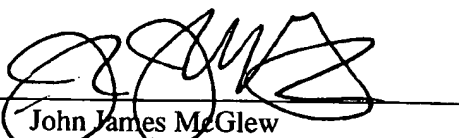
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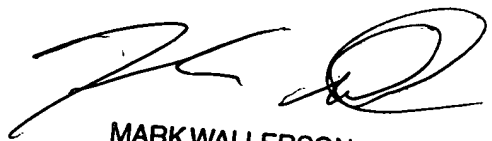
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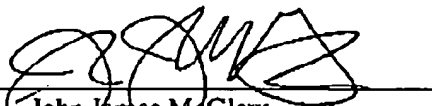


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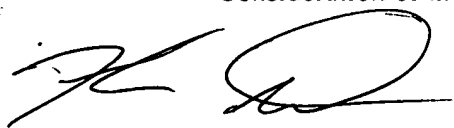
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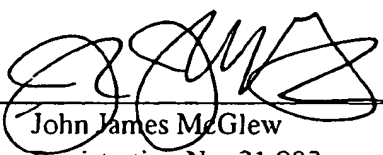
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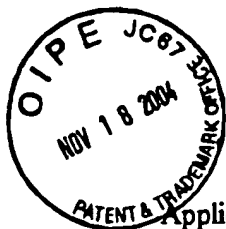
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To supplement the Information Disclosure Statement of October 27, 2004, the Examiner is requested to consider the references in a European Search Report which the Applicant has received from the current counterpart application in Europe (European Search Report enclosed). Applicant also notes that the references include two U.S. Patent references, and since this RCE application was filed after the rule change which no longer requires a submission of a copy of U.S. reference, a copy of the two references are not required. However, Applicant herewith encloses, as a courtesy, the copies of the U.S. Patent references as well.